BOARD OF LICENSING OF AUCTIONEERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 6, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Raymond Williams
William Macomber
Edward Leary
Roger Chesley
James Keating

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Leighton, Administrator
Debbie Fales, Licensing Clerk
Susan Greenlaw, Board Clerk
Dennis Smith, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Location: Androscoggin Room **Start:** 9:03 a.m. **Adjourn:** 11:40 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Discussion regarding advertisements

OLD BUSINESS

Action on Minutes of August 4, 2004 Meeting

A motion was made by Roger Chesley to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2004 meeting as written; seconded by Edward Leary. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

See "Correspondence" and "Bond Payment Discussion – Darryl Hawes".

The Administrator has obtained statutes from several states regarding the "apprentice auctioneer" concept. She will be preparing a summary for the Board's review.

Board Rules Chapter 30 Section 1(A) – the Board is considering proposing an increase in the bond amount. Further information will be made available for the next meeting.

Informal Conference re: Complaint #AUC-184

The licensee notified Cathy Neumann, Complaint Coordinator, that he would not be present due to illness and requested a continuance. A motion was made by William Macomber to schedule an adjudicatory hearing for December 1, 2004; seconded by Raymond Williams. Chesley, Leary, Macomber, and Williams voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Keating abstained. Motion carried.

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Bond Payment Discussion – Darryl Hawes

The Office claimed the \$10,000 bond in this matter. A restitution account was established and \$4358 was paid to Miranda Benedict and \$1276 to Peggy Fenwick. There is \$4366.60 remaining. The Board will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Dennis Smith reported that a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Plan has been filed by Mr. Hawes. This information will be kept on file for future reference.

<u>Decision & Order - Keith Littlefield (hearing 8/4/04)</u>

A motion was made by Roger Chesley to accept the Decision & Order as written; seconded by Edward Leary. Unanimous.

Examination Results - September 15, 2004

September 15, 2004: One individual took the exam and received a passing score. The next examination is scheduled for November 17, 2004.

Complaint Officer's Report

The Complaint Officer brought to the Board's attention an advertisement regarding consignment of items for auction through E-Bay at a location in Maine. The Board requested that the Office Investigator look into this matter and report his findings.

The Complaint Officer brought to the Board's attention an advertisement regarding auction services – Board members agreed to send a letter to this company requesting an explanation of how the business works and notify them of the licensing requirements in the Board's statute and rules.

Review and Action on Applications

No applications for review.

Meeting and Exam Schedule - 2005

2005 MEETING SCHEDULE

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 2, 2005	9:00 AM	Androscoggin Room
April 6, 2005	9:00 AM	Androscoggin Room
June 1, 2005	9:00 AM	Androscoggin Room
August 3, 2005	9:00 AM	Androscoggin Room
October 5, 2005	9:00 AM	Androscoggin Room
December 7, 2005	9:00 AM	Androscoggin Room

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2005 EXAM SCHEDULE

January 19, 2005	9:00 AM	Central Conference Room
March 16, 2005	9:00 AM	Central Conference Room
May 18, 2005	9:00 AM	Central Conference Room
July 20, 2005	9:00 AM	Central Conference Room
September 21, 2005	9:00 AM	Central Conference Room
November 16, 2005	9:00 AM	Central Conference Room

Correspondence

Memo - Public Law 2003, Chapter 140: An informational letter and copy of law prepared by OLR Director Anne Head was distributed to the members.

Next Meeting Scheduled for December 1, 2004

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Greenlaw Board Clerk